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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT'S VISIT

- 1. AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT AND I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER OLEWALE AND ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY SABUMEI MAY 8. BOTH WERE KEENLY INTERESTED IN HIS LUCID ACCOUNT OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES SIGNED AT HILO, AND OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN PNG AND MICRONESIA. OLEWALE SAID HE HOPED MICRONESIA WOULD SEND DELEGATION TO PNG FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. OBVIOUSLY THEY BELIEVED CLOSER INTEGRATION OF MICRONESIA INTO PACIFIC COMMUNITY WAS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.
- 2. SABUMEI POINTED OUT THAT MICRONESIA COULD EASILY JOIN SPEC, BUT SAID SOME QUESTIONS MIGHT BE RAISED ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE FORUM BECAUSE THERE COULD BE A CONFLICT BETWEEN A FORUM DECISION AND US POLICY OR PROCEDURES. I MENTIONED THE MORIBUND SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AS AN EXAMPLE, AND SABUMEI NODDED. HE SAID IN THE CASE OF THE COOKS AND TOKELAU, THE SAME PROBLEM DID NOT EXIST BECAUSE NEW ZEALAND WAS ALSO IN THE FORUM. SABUMEI SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE OVERCOME,

BUT HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT QUESTIONS WOULD BE ASKED.

- 3. AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT SPOKE INFORMALLY TO OVER 40 YOUNGER LEADERS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE, DEFENSE FORCE, PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT THE EMBASSY'S AMPHITHEATER. HIS TALK WAS WELL RECEIVED AND A PROTRACTED QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWED.
- 4. HE ALSO MADE A VIDEO TAPE ANSWERING QUESTIONS POSED BY MEDIA AND CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES. IT WILL BE A VERY POSEFUL ADDITION TO OUR VIDEO LIBRARY. FURTHER, HE MET SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT, JUDICIARY AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS SOCIALLY.
- 5. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT'S VISIT WAS THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO KEEP THE GPNG INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN MICRONESIA. IT ALSO SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE BROAD US INTEREST IN OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AS WELL. IT WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT, AND ONE THAT WE HOPE WILL BE REPEATED.

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